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For: **INTELLIGENT DEVICE SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
DISTRIBUTION OF DIGITAL SIGNALS ON A WIDEBAND SIGNAL  
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

Response to the Office Action mailed February 11, 2004 in the above-identified patent application, which was assigned a shortened statutory period expiring on May 11, 2004, was due without extension on May 11, 2004. Enclosed herewith is a Petition requesting an extension of time of three (3) months to respond to the Office Action, thereby extending the deadline for response to and including August 11, 2004 with the Extension. Accordingly, the present response is deemed to be timely filed. Should there be any fees due and owing with respect to this amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge such fees to deposit account no. 18-0586.

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## **STATUS OF THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1 - 5 are pending.

Claims 1 - 5 stand rejected.

Claims 1 – 5 have been amended herein without prejudice.

Reconsideration, in light of the amendments made herein, is respectfully requested.